

The European Patient Safety Foundation (EUPSF)
Commitment to Action

The European Patient Safety Foundation (EUPSF) is pleased to announce their support of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation (PSMF) and mission to eliminate preventable deaths by 2020 (OX2020).

Preventable errors constitute one of the major intolerable drains in healthcare systems. The EUPSF constitutes a neutral knowledge and best practices exchange platform for innovative, meaningful, sustainable and replicable Patient Safety proposals. For driving Patient Safety forward we work in partnership with international, European and national organizations, patient organizations and partners from industry as well as governmental organizations developing and disseminating frameworks for safe practices. We aim for promoting and supporting the implementation of holistic approaches covering not only clinical but also socio-economic aspects. The EUPSF is aware of the fact that education in schools is of utmost importance for the healthcare system. As Friedrich Rueckert – a well-known German poet and philosopher once said: “you can learn much more from your children than your children can learn from you”. The kids save lives program was endorsed by the WHO. In April this year we published an article regarding this topic in Anesthesia & Analgesia (enclosure 1) together with an editorial (enclosure 2).

As a committed organization, EUPSF will demonstrate alliance with PSMF by the following:

1. Spreading the mission of OX2020 to EUPSF members and network
2. Annually disseminate Actionable Patient Safety Solution (APSS) to EUPSF members in German.
 - a. Utilizing EUPSF network to help with the translation of APSS and website content.
3. Asking members who work in hospitals to implement APSS, or share their own successful processes, to eliminate preventable deaths. And, make their own commitments to action to the Patient Safety Movement Foundation.
4. Determining experts from EUPSF who can participate in APSS workgroups (such as Failure to Rescue: Monitoring for Opioid Induced Respiratory Depression) to ensure latest clinical information has been integrated from an international perspective
5. Translating the PatientAider app as a resourceful tool that supports patient safety education
6. Sharing stories from families and patients that resulted in harm or a preventable death
7. Connecting the PSMF with EUPSF Affiliates that are aligned with the PSMF’s mission

Signed, Muenster, September 14, 2017

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